

wave, and the third gas flow rate varies according to a second square wave. The pulsating period T in flow rate of the second and third gases may be the same time period. The third gas may be supplied into the exhausting line 320. The flow rates of the second and third gases may be changed to form a rectangular pulse shape, and the pulsating period T may range from 3 seconds to 5 seconds.

[0069] An internal pressure of the process chamber 100 may be maintained to a desired (and/or alternatively predetermined) level ranging from about 15 mTorr to about 25 mTorr. Information on an internal pressure of the process chamber 100 measured by the chamber pressure sensor 150 may be transmitted to the control unit 500, and the information may be used by the control unit 500 to calculate a compensation value for maintaining a desired (and/or alternatively predetermined) internal pressure of the process chamber 100. The compensation value may be changed depending on kinds ("types"), flow rates, and pressures of one or more of the first and second gases. Information identifying a type of one or more of the first and second gases may be stored at a memory 520 included in the control unit 500. The control unit 500 may access the information from the memory 520 as part of calculating the compensation value. Based on the compensation value, the control unit 500 may adjustably control the third gas supplying part 420 and the control valve 445 of the injection unit 400 to adjustably control the supply of the third gas into the exhausting line 320. In some example embodiments, the supply of third gas may be adjustably controlled such that the flow rate of the third gas into the gas exhaust assembly 300 varies according to a pulse wave, square wave, some combination thereof, or the like. In some example embodiments, the third gas flow rate varies according to a wave that is phase-shifted from a wave according to which the second gas flow rate varies (e.g., by a phase difference of half the period T). In some example embodiments, the third gas flow rate varies according to a wave that is phase shifted from the wave according to which the second gas flow rate varies by about 180 degrees. In other words, if and/or when the second flow rate is at a maximum, the third flow rate may be at a minimum, and if and/or when the second flow rate is at a minimum, the third flow rate may be at a maximum.

[0070] If and/or when the second flow rate varies according to a pulse wave (e.g., changes in a pulsed manner), internal pressures of the process chamber 100 and the exhausting line 320 may be unsteady. By supplying the third gas, whose flow rate may vary according to a wave that is phase-shifted by the phase difference of $T/2$ from the wave according to which the flow rate of the second gas varies, into the exhausting line 320, it may be possible to reduce and/or prevent the unsteadiness in internal pressure of the process chamber 100 and the exhausting line 320, such that the internal pressure of the process chamber 100 is uniform or substantially uniform. Since all of the first, second, and third gases are pumped out by the pump 340 and an amount of gas to be pumped out by the pump 340 may be maintained at a desired (and/or alternatively predetermined) level, it may be possible to uniformly or substantially uniformly maintain an amount of gas to be discharged from the process chamber 100 through the exhausting line 320 and/or a flow rate of gas that is exhausted from the process chamber 100 through the exhausting line 320. Accordingly, an internal pressure of the process chamber 100 may be stabilized at a desired (and/or alternatively predetermined) level.

[0071] FIG. 6 is a graph showing the times taken to stabilize internal pressures of a chamber and an exhausting line, according to some example embodiments of the inventive concepts.

[0072] Referring to FIGS. 1 and 6, an x-axis represents a process time, and a y-axis represents a ratio in amount of the second gas to the process gas. A solid line D illustrates a ratio in amount of the second gas to the process gas in the process chamber 100, and a dotted line E illustrates a ratio in amount of the second gas to the process gas in the exhaust valve 350.

[0073] According to some example embodiments of the inventive concepts, by adjusting a pressure of the exhausting line 320 where the exhausting line 320 has a relatively small volume, it may be possible to control an internal pressure of the process chamber 100 where the process chamber 100 has a relatively large volume. In detail, if and/or when a process starts, a process gas may be supplied into the process chamber 100. Here, the control gas (e.g., the third gas) may be supplied into the exhausting line 320 from the injection unit 400 to cancel a change in the pressure of the process chamber 100 and the exhausting line 320, which may be caused by the second gas to be supplied into the process chamber 100. In some embodiments, the ratio of the second gas to the process gas in the process chamber 100 may become the same as that in the exhaust valve 350, within a second from the start of the process. Since the process chamber 100 and the exhaust valve 350 have the same ratio of the second gas to the process gas, an amount of the process gas to be exhausted from the process chamber 100 to the exhausting line 320 may be uniform or substantially uniform. This means that an internal pressure of the process chamber 100 may be stabilized or substantially stabilized. It is possible to reliably execute the process, because the supply of the third gas into the exhausting line 320 makes it possible to stabilize the internal pressure of the process chamber 100 within a second.

[0074] FIG. 7 is a flow chart illustrating a method of controlling an internal pressure of a chamber, according to some example embodiments of the inventive concepts. In some example embodiments, the method illustrated in FIG. 7 may be implemented by one or more portions of the control unit 500, including the processor 510.

[0075] Referring to FIGS. 1, 5, 6, and 7, a process of treating a substrate may include steps of disposing the substrate S in the process chamber 100 (in S10), supplying the first gas and the second gas into the process chamber 100 (in S20), supplying the third gas into the exhausting line 320 (in S30), and examining whether the process on the substrate is finished (in S40).

[0076] In step S10 of disposing the substrate S into the process chamber 100, the substrate S may be loaded on the electrostatic chuck 110 of the process chamber 100. When the substrate S is disposed in the process chamber 100, a process of treating the substrate S may start. In step S20 of supplying the first gas and the second gas into the process chamber 100, the first and second gases for treating the substrate S may be supplied into the process chamber 100. The first gas may be supplied at a first flow rate that is uniform or substantially uniform, and the second gas may be supplied at a non-uniform second flow rate that is pulsed with a period of T (e.g., varies according to a pulse wave having a period of a time period " T "). In step S30 of supplying the third gas into the exhausting line 320, the third